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MODEL STEAM LAUNDRY

Fought a Lunatic to Shield Her Husband.

By Telegram to The News.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Frank Danaher, who lives on West 125th Street, had a terrific struggle with a lunatic this morning. The lunatic attempted to attack her husband, and she threw herself in his way and shielded Mr. Danaher. The lunatic was a powerful man.

Into Voluntary Liquidation.

FREEPORT, Illinois, Feb. 10.—The Farmers' and Merchants' bank, of this place, decided this morning to go into voluntary liquidation. The bank is in good condition. Depositors will be paid in full, and the officers claim the stockholders will receive a dividend.

RESPITE DENIED.

GOVERNOR REFUSES TO INTERFERE IN JOHNSON CASE.

Minority Populists and Republicans Fix up a Scheme to Knock Swinson Out of His Office.—Alexander Introduced a Road Bill.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 6.—Lawyer Henry made his final appeal to Governor Russell this evening in behalf of Monroe Johnson. The governor refused to commute the death sentence.

Among the bills introduced in the House today was a bill to regulate the liability of stockholders in State banks, making stockholders individually responsible for all contracts, debts and agreements of the banks; to pay Joseph Turner the balance due with interest, for the public printing.

A resolution abolishing the office of enrolling clerk will be put on the calendar at once. Republicans and minority Populists have agreed to oust Swinson as soon as the office with a new name can be created.

Senator Alexander has introduced a bill in the Senate to facilitate the improvement of roads in Charlotte township, Mecklenburg county.

A bill to appropriate \$2,500 to the North Carolina Rolling Exposition was introduced in the House accompanied by petitions. This is the enterprise of Mr. W. H. Ramsey, of Charlotte.

SEABOARD'S NEW SCHEDULE.

Goes Into Effect Tomorrow—How the Change Affects Charlotte.

An important change in the schedule of the Seaboard Air Line takes place at 7:45 p. m. tomorrow.

No. 41, now run as a combination freight and passenger between Monroe and Charlotte, will be changed into a passenger train of the first class. This train, now arriving from the North at 10:30 p. m., will hereafter arrive here at 10:25 p. m.

The Atlanta Special, now leaving Portsmouth at 12:01, arriving here at 11:35, will hereafter leave Portsmouth at 8:45 p. m., arriving here at 8:30 the next morning; it reaches Atlanta at 2:50 p. m., making connections for South and West via Chattanooga, Memphis, or New Orleans.

The Atlanta Special leaving here at 8:20 p. m. for the North will hereafter leave at 8:25 p. m.

No. 38, now leaving at 5:25 a. m., will hereafter leave at 5:10 a. m.

This change materially quickens the schedule of the Atlanta Special.

FREEDOM, NOT REFORM.

Gen. Palma Says the Cubans are Fighting for Independence.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Gen. Estrada Palma, head of the Cuban Junta, says:

"The reforms signed by the Queen Regent amount to nothing. They are practically the same that were voted before the war broke out. If the Cubans did not accept them then and rose in arms, can they be expected to accept them now, after so much bloodshed and after so many have fallen for the absolute independence of their country, the only solution possible of the Cuban problem and the only one that the Cuban people in arms would accept?"

"As for the effect that these reforms will have on the insurgents, I will say that our army will not falter nor will they give up an inch of the territory conquered by so much sacrifice of life and property."

SUGAR FOR MCKINLEY.

Did the Trust Arrange for Protection for Four Years?

By Telegram to The News.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—John E. Seales, president of the Sugar Trust, was absent from the city. He was to have appeared before the State Senatorial trust investigating committee yesterday. It is alleged he is the "mysterious" man who visited McKinley with Hanna yesterday. Anti-McKinleyites claim his visit was for the purpose of influencing the action of the incoming administration toward the trust.

NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH.

Hundreds of People Shaken Up by a Ferry-Boat Explosion.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A terrific explosion occurred on the ferry boat "Columbia" between Brooklyn and New York this morning. The ferry boats were crowded and hundreds of people miraculously escaped death. Several of the crew were seriously injured by the explosion.

DIVORCED FROM THE MARQUIS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Julia Chapin, who was married in 1892 to the Marquis de la Tour Du Villard, has been granted a divorce for non-support. She is accorded the right to assume her maiden name, but loses the title. Her father is Chester Chapin, the multi-millionaire. She will return home to live.

CHANDLER'S BILL.

VILAS OPPOSED IT, AND SILVER MEN THOUGHT IT A HUMBUG.

Another Democrat Turned Out by the Treasury Department for Standing to His Party.—News and Notes of Washington Life.

By Telegram to The News.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Senator Vilas, of Wisconsin, was the only sound money man who came out flat footed with his vote against Senator Chandler's international monetary conference bill.

Three silver men joined him because they thought the bill a humbug.

GOSSIP OF THE CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The scheme to keep Senator-elect Kenney of Delaware, out of his seat, which was concocted by "Little Bille" Chandler and other Republicans of his ilk, is in a fair way to fall through. Although the Senate Committee on Elections is controlled by Republicans it has refused to be a party to this scheme to the extent of reopening the claim of Du Pont to the seat, and it is not believed that the flimsy claim of Gas Adickes will be seriously considered by the committee at all. A Republican Senator said today that he thought Kenney's credentials were all right and that he was satisfied he would be seated.

Nobody seems to have any idea that the amended arbitration treaty with England, which has been favorably reported to the Senate, will be acted upon at this session. In fact, its friends would be afraid to force a vote at this time lest it should result in rejection of the treaty.

One of the legacies of the Harrison administration is a treaty that binds the United States to pay \$6,000 a year towards the support of a monarchy and an almighty poor specimen of monarchy at that. The treaty in question was made with Germany and England and the money goes to pay the expenses of the semi-savage King of Samoa. A year or so ago President Cleveland recommended legislation looking towards the abrogation of this treaty, and each year there has been a protest made when the House reached the item of the Diplomatic and Consular appropriation bill carrying that \$6,000. This week when the item was reached Representative McMillin moved that it be struck out, because he did not think it right that our people should be contributing money to the support of a monarchy anywhere and under any circumstances, but his motion was voted down, not because a majority of the House favored the appropriation but because they considered that as long as the treaty is allowed to stand we are in honor bound to pay our share of the money.

REFORMS UNSATISFACTORY.

Spaniards Think Concessions to the Cubans Excessive.

By Telegram to The News.

MADRID, Feb. 6.—There is much dissatisfaction expressed here over what are believed to be the excessive concessions made to the Cubans in the scheme of reforms, and it is thought that cabinet changes are likely to occur. It is reported today that Marquis Pidal or General Martinez Campos will shortly replace Senor del Castillo, the prime minister. The latter, should he resign, would place himself at the disposal of the crown, which would possibly advise him to support Marquis Pidal.

THE ICE GORGE BROKEN.

Threatened Loss of Life and Property Along the Ohio.

By Telegram to The News.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 8.—The ice gorge, fifteen feet high and twenty miles long, gave way today. Several packets caught in ice were compelled to lay up. If these do not find refuge in tributaries of the river, the loss will be large.

The steamer "Buckeye State" is stranded on Blue river, and is thought to be a total loss; the steamer is valued at \$40,000.

IN A RECEIVER'S HANDS.

An Atlanta Savings Bank Has a Heavy Run.

By Telegram to The News.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 9.—The State Savings Bank was placed in a temporary receivership today, but the bank did not close its doors. There was a run on the bank but every demand made was met. Other banks went to the assistance of the State.

W. A. Bates and T. J. Ripley were appointed temporary receivers. The bank's capital is \$100,000, and it has deposits of \$75,000.

MINISTRIAL CRISIS IN PORTUGAL.

LISBON, Feb. 5.—Premier Hintze Ribeiro, this morning delivered to the King the resignation of the entire ministry. They were accepted.

GRAHAM ARRESTED.

MEBANE'S CHIEF CLERK CHARGED WITH ARSON.

He Claims the Prosecution is Malicious—Charlotte Detectives Worked up the Case—He Was Carried to Newton This Afternoon.

Special to The News.

RALEIGH, Feb. 6.—J. L. Graham, chief clerk in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, was arrested this morning and is now in the custody of Sheriff Jones in Superintendent Mebane's office.

Graham says the prosecution is malicious and denounces it as political persecution.

In compliance with his wishes he will be taken to Newton this afternoon.

He says he wants a speedy hearing and will bring the matter before the Supreme Court at once. He expresses no fear of the outcome.

Supt. Mebane endorses every statement of Graham's.

CHARGED WITH ARSON.

Mr. J. L. Graham, chief clerk in the office of Mr. C. H. Mebane, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was arrested this morning, charged with arson. He is charged with setting fire to the parsonage, in which he resided. The house was burned March 5th, 1896, and the insurance company refused to pay the \$400 insurance on the furniture on the ground of fraud. Just before the house burned he took an inventory of all the articles in the house. The house in which he lived before he moved to the parsonage was also burned down, but the company paid the \$800 insurance without a protest.

DETECTIVES AT WORK.

Detectives William Jones and John Jackson, of the Great Southern detective agency, of this city have been working the case for three weeks, and at last completed the chain of evidence yesterday. The warrant for his arrest was at once issued by a magistrate at Newton, and was sent to Raleigh last night.

SHOT OFF HIS TOE?

It is charged also that he insured himself in an accident insurance company after the fire occurred, and shortly afterward applied for an accident benefit on the ground that he had shot off his toe. It is said that the doctor examined him, found nothing the matter, and the insurance company refused to pay the claim.

Eighteen witnesses have been summoned in the case, among them some of the prominent citizens of the town.

This case is one of the largest on which the Charlotte detectives have been engaged recently.

STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM.

Nearly the Whole of Crete in Possession of Armed Christians.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Standard's Athens correspondent telegraphs that sailors were landed from the foreign vessels in the harbor of Crete to prevent the entire destruction of that city by the incendiary fires that were started on Friday. The flames were not subdued until they had burned for 36 hours.

The dispatch adds that a number of Turks, aided by the troops, have marched to Halepa, which place is defended by Christians. With the exception of Canea, Rethymno and Heclion, nearly the whole island is reported to be in the possession of armed Christians who are only awaiting a signal from Greece to proclaim the union of Crete with Greece.

AGAINST SMALL BANKS.

Meets Slight Favor With Senate Committee—Discussing the Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Senate finance committee this morning discussed informally the proposition to establish national banks with small capital, but an adverse opinion was developed.

The Senate has gone into executive session this afternoon to discuss the arbitration treaty. Numerous amendments were proposed in order to prolong the debate.

The House this afternoon adopted the conference report on the immigration bill.

FORM A PLUG TRUST.

Big Tobacco Combination to Fight the Cigarette Trust.

By Telegram to The News.

DETROIT, Michigan, Feb. 9.—It is learned today that the manufacturers of plug tobacco are at once to form a combine to control the entire plug tobacco business of the country. The largest manufacturers of plug in the country are in the combine, and the plug trust is formed in order to fight what is known as the Cigarette Trust, the American Tobacco Co., which has gone into the manufacture of plug tobacco.

The Plug Trust expects to manufacture cigarettes, as the American Tobacco Co. manufactures plug tobacco.

PREVENT LYNCHING.

GOVERNOR EMPOWERED TO CALL SPECIAL COURTS.

Bill to Prevent the Giving or Selling Whiskey to Habitual Drunkards—Bill Introduced to Declare That Bicycles are Baggage.

Special to The News.

RALEIGH, Feb. 8.—A bill was introduced in the House today, making it a misdemeanor to sell or give whiskey to habitual drunkards.

A bill was introduced to declare bicycles baggage and providing for their transportation as baggage over all the railroads in this State. At present a charge is made for excess baggage.

Today in the House a bill was passed declaring void a subscription of \$15,000 by the town of Monroe to the Roanoke and Southern railroad.

A bill was also passed empowering the Governor to convene special courts and the supreme court for the speedy trial of capital cases; this is the act to prevent lynchings in the State. It is provided that the request for the special term of the court must come from the Sheriff and the chairman of the board of county commissioners.

A bill was passed requesting our representatives in Congress to use their efforts to secure the repeal of the revenue tax on fruit brandy.

FROM WAKE FOREST.

Summer School Begins June 23rd—Notes of College Affairs.

Correspondence of The News.

WAKE FOREST, N. C., Feb. 6.—There are two hundred and fifty-eight students enrolled up to this time, representing more than seventy countries. This is more than have ever been here before at this period of the season.

The health of the student body has been exceptionally good. The work and department of the students have been very satisfactory.

Prof. J. F. Lunnann, of the Chair of Physics, lectured on the X-rays in Raleigh on the 2nd inst. Perhaps no college in the State has a Physics department better equipped with the most improved apparatus than Wake Forest.

The following members of the Law Class received license from the Supreme Court last Monday: T. L. Caudle of Charlotte, J. Leary of Charlotte, R. K. Lee of Robeson county, J. C. McNeal of Richmond county, D. T. Oates of Sampson county, P. S. Vann of Sampson county, J. C. Watkins of Forsyth county. All of those who applied for license to practice law were successful. There are over fifty students now in the Law Department, and others are expected to enter soon.

The members of the law class who obtained license last Monday, presented Prof. Guiley with a nice office chair. The gift was highly appreciated by him.

The concert last Tuesday evening, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, was a decided success.

Already several young men have written stating their intention to visit the summer session of the Law School; the prospects for a large attendance are better than ever before.

The summer school for teachers will begin on June 23rd and continues one month. No tuition will be charged, but a nominal registration fee. Several specialists will be engaged in the different departments; announcements giving names of teachers and details of work will be sent out very soon. Large numbers from all parts of this State, as well as other States, have already announced their intention of attending.

The Preachers and Pastors Institute will be held at the same time. This will bring together hundreds of our ministers, and will likely be one of the most profitable meetings in North Carolina.

D. A. T.

FUNERAL OF DR. ROACH.

Takes Place from the Residence this Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Dr. Edward Roach took place from the residence on East Avenue Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock. Rev. J. W. Stagg, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, conducted the services. The interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Dr. Roach, whose critical illness was announced Tuesday, died at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at his residence on East Avenue.

Dr. Roach was a native of Atlanta, Ga., and was about forty-two years of age. He married Miss McDowell, of this city, and has been residing here most of the time for the past fifteen years.

He had been suffering with consumption for a long while.

15 Women Strikers Arrested.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 10.—Fifteen young women strikers, formerly employed by the Phoenix silk mills, were arrested this morning for insulting Mary Bradley, who refused to join the strikers.

\$1500 FOR \$6 WORK.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE SWINSON'S CHARGES.

Minority Populists for Henry—Bill to Allow City of Charlotte to Issue Water-Works Bonds.—Bill to Regulate Fees of County Offices.

Special to The News.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 9.—The much discussed bill making it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment, to disturb a political meeting of any character, passed the House this afternoon.

POPULISTS FOR HENRY.

Your correspondent had an interview with Senator McCaskie, the leader of the minority faction of the Populists, and he says the minority Populists are unanimously in favor of Lawyer Walter K. Henry, of Charlotte, for the Judgeship of the Eastern Criminal court, which includes Mecklenburg and New Hanover. Mr. Henry will probably be elected by a combination of the bolting Populists and the Republicans.

BONDS FOR WATER WORKS.

Mr. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, today introduced in the Senate a bill to authorize the city of Charlotte to issue bonds for supplies for the water-works system of the city. The bill was introduced by request.

A bill was introduced this morning to regulate the fees of sheriffs and registers of deeds.

A bill to regulate the practice of medicine in this State was introduced today.

INVESTIGATE SWINSON'S CHARGES.

Mr. Clark introduced a resolution this morning to appoint an investigating committee to investigate the charges of Enrolling Clerk Swinson that the Legislature paid \$1,500 for six dollars' worth of work. The motion prevailed and Messrs. Clark, McCarthy and Parker were appointed as the committee.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD LAW.

Full Text of the Bill Introduced in the Legislature.

Correspondence of The News.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 8.—The following is the full text of the bill introduced in the Legislature to change the present road law of Mecklenburg:

A bill, to be entitled an act to facilitate the work of the public roads of Charlotte township, Mecklenburg county.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section I. The Executive Committee shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified, but they shall be subject to removal by the Board of Trustees, who shall, in case of such removal, elect the successors of those removed.

Section II. The Executive Committee shall make the committee, quarterly, a written report of the condition of the roads of the township and of the work done thereon, and the Executive Committee shall make a full written report concerning the matters of the board at this meeting in November and May.

Section III. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall be ex-officio clerk of this Executive Committee.

Section IV. The chairman of this Executive Committee shall make to the committee, quarterly, a written report of the condition of the roads of the township and of the work done thereon, and the Executive Committee shall make a full written report concerning the matters of the board at this meeting in November and May.

Section V. The Executive Committee herein provided for shall have all the power and authority over the roads in the township and the working thereof that are now conferred by law upon the Board of Trustees of Charlotte township, except when otherwise expressly directed by the Board of Trustees, and shall have full power and authority to do all things connected with the improvement of roads in the township, as the Board of Trustees now have.

Section VI. The Executive Committee shall meet on the first Monday of each month, and for their services shall receive the following pay, to wit, the chairman shall receive \$4 per day for each regular meeting, and each member and the Secretary shall receive \$2 per day for like services. No member of the board shall receive pay for more than 12 days during any year.

Section VII. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act hereby repealed.

Section VIII. This act shall take effect, from and after its ratification.

Robbed a Passenger Train.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 9.—Two masked robbers held up the Santa Fe passenger train near Hot Springs, Arizona. One of the robbers was killed. The other robber after grabbing the bundle of registered letters, escaped.

Blizzard in Wisconsin.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Feb. 10.—A severe blizzard struck northwestern Wisconsin this morning. The snow fall is unusually heavy. Railroad traffic is interfered with.

COWLES APPOINTED.

TO BE RUSSELL'S ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Brother of Mr. W. D. Cowles, of This City.—Was Trained at the Charlotte Military Institute.

Special to The News.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 10.—Governor Russell this morning announced the appointment of A. D. Cowles, of Statesville, as Adjutant General to succeed General Francis H. Cameron, resigned.

ONCE LIVED HERE.

The new adjutant-general is a former resident of Charlotte, and is a brother of Mr. W. D. Cowles, of this city. His father Mr. Calvin J. Cowles, now living in Wilkesboro, was assayer of the mint here for fifteen years, having been appointed by Grant in 1869. Mr. Calvin Cowles was chairman of the State convention that framed the new constitution in reconstruction days.

Mr. A. D. Cowles received his military training at the Carolina Military Institute, in this city, then a flourishing military school under the direction of Col. J. P. Thomas.

After he moved to Statesville, he was made captain of the Fredricks Blues, and served in that capacity for some time.

Under President Harrison's administration Mr. Cowles was postmaster at Statesville, and since the coming in of the Cleveland administration he has been special agent for the Equitable life insurance company.

In the late campaign he was the McKinley elector for the seventh Congressional district, and stamped the State for the Republican ticket.